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2.	<p>is an occupational guest of the "R" Detachment of the regiment for training. ✓ On file in Armored School.</p> <p>Instructions began at 0730 hours and ended at 1530, six days a week for the entire course which lasted 11 months. The time from 1330 to 1530 hours each day was utilized for the midday meal and care and cleaning of weapons; 1530 to 1830 hours consisted of outdoor instruction.</p>		
3.	<p>Our classroom instruction consisted of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Gasoline and diesel motors.</li> <li>b. Political subjects which included history and current events.</li> <li>c. Weapons familiarization which included nomenclature, assembly and disassembly of personal and team weapons, such as the machine pistol, bow guns, AA guns, breech block, etc.</li> <li>d. Map reading</li> <li>e. Armor tactics</li> </ul>		
4.	<p>From 1 Dec 55 to 15 Jan 56, we were given classroom instruction in basic infantry drill at the same time that we were receiving armored training.</p>		

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5. Periodically during the 11 month course we were given tank driving instruction which was conducted at a tank driving range located approximately two kilometers west of the Kaserne. At this driving range we were taught to drive a tank over an obstacle course.
6. We had no actual firing practice with the T-34. Twice, toward the end of the course, we went to Diosgen (47 56 N-19 02 E) to observe tank firing but not to participate.
7. Most of the instruction was conducted by Hungarian Armor Corps officers. A few classes were conducted by Poles. Hungarian and Soviet training films were used about six or eight times during the course as training aids. The Soviet films had been translated and the Hungarian language was "dubbed in". All the films concerned the T-34 tank and several concerned armor tactics. Charts were used to show every part of the T-34 or weapons being studied. In addition to charts, the actual parts were used to study engines, tank parts and the functioning of T-34 tanks and weapons. All instruction was geared to the slowest member of the unit and as a result, there were no failures.
8. The regiment had two heavy tanks and each tank had a 122 mm turret mounted gun. I don't remember the nomenclature of these tanks. The regiment also had approximately 45 T-34's, 30 ISU-2/ISU's [redacted] 25X1
9. When the trainees finished the 11 month course, the best were retained as cadre and the rest were sent to armored units. There are 1800-2000 trainees in each 11 month period. Approximately 120 of the group I was with were retained as cadre and the remainder were transferred to other armored units. About 6000 were in the unit [redacted] when the revolution began. We were to select cadre for the next cycle which was to have begun November 1956, but the new trainees never arrived. 25X1
10. The regiment only had one commander. He was a Colonel but I don't know his name. He was with the unit from the entire time I was there and joined with a Soviet armored unit and the regiment moved out for Budapest during the revolution.
11. On 30 or 31 Oct 56, the regiment was ordered to load up and move out toward Budapest. We ran into a Soviet armored unit on the road and the Regimental Commanding Officer ordered the men to dismount from the tanks and abandon them. We were told to retreat to the Kaserne. The Regimental Commanding Officer turned the Regimental Executive Officer over to the Soviets because the Executive Officer was against going to Budapest to fight against the Hungarian people. The Commanding Officer joined the Soviets and the Executive Officer was taken prisoner. The remainder of the regiment returned to the Kaserne on foot and disbanded the following day.

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2. Organizational chart of 56 8001 Regiment - CONFIDENTIAL
3. [redacted] sketch made by source of Kaserne at Ketsag - CONFIDENTIAL.]

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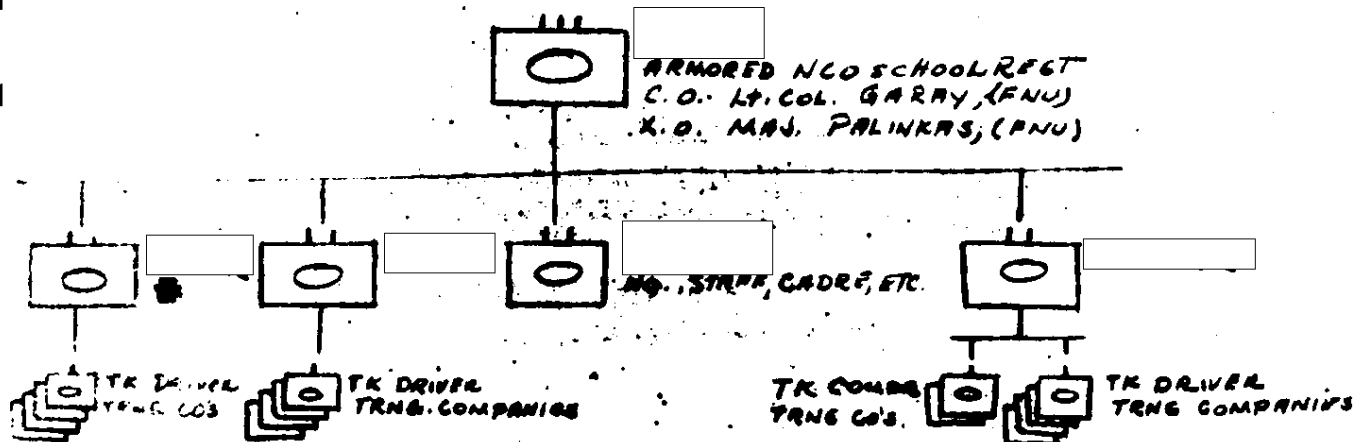
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1 C.O.  
1 X.O. (X.O.) / AND TECH. SV. OFF.  
4 PLT. LDRS (LT.)  
1 NCO  
1 SGT  
60 CLERK  
120 STUDENTS

REGT. NORMALLY HAS TOTAL OF 2400 OFF., NCO'S, CADRE AND STUDENTS.

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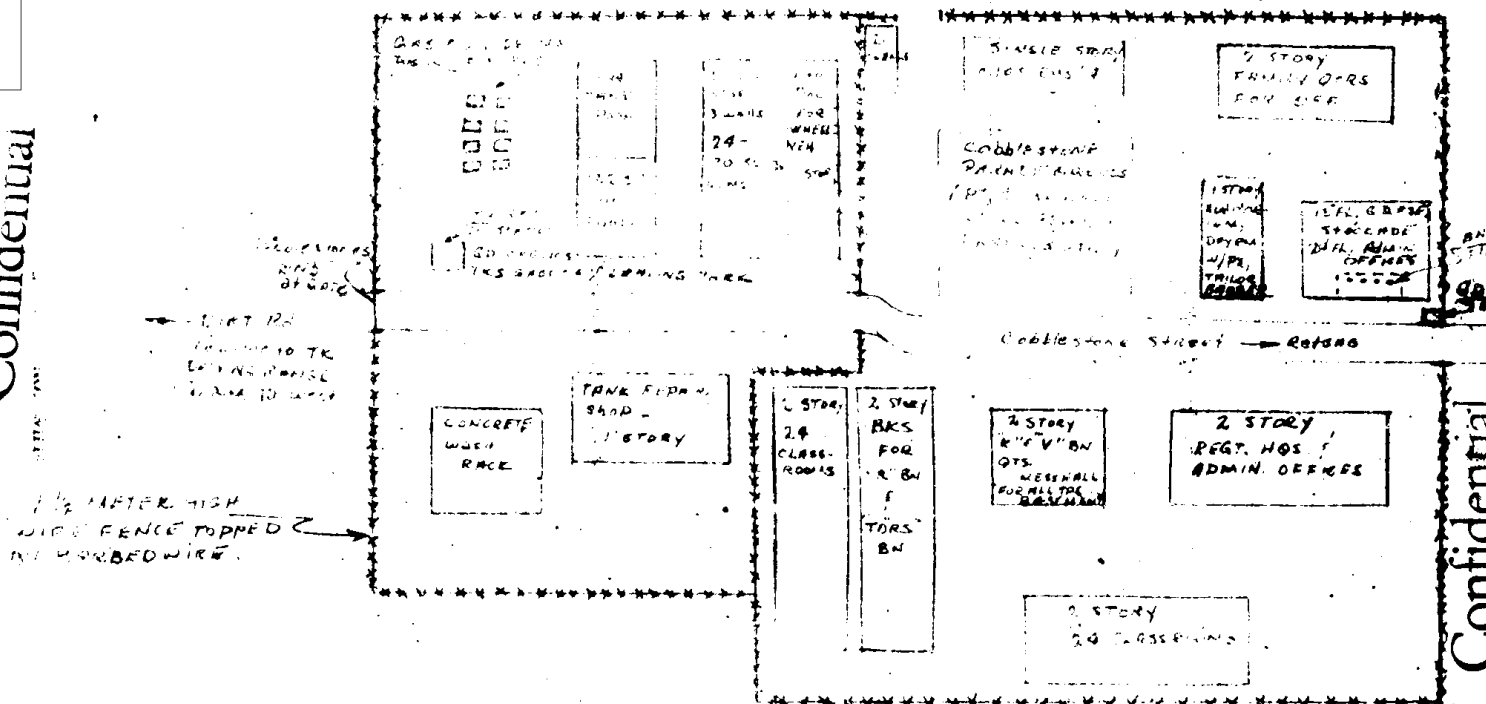
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